

HOW TO PICK RAISIN GRAPES

FOR SUN DRYING IN THE VINEYARD



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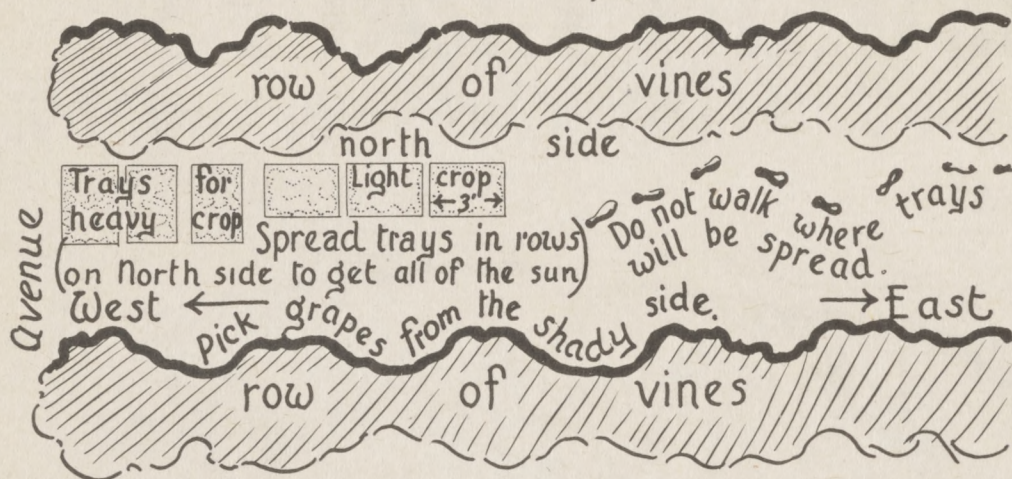
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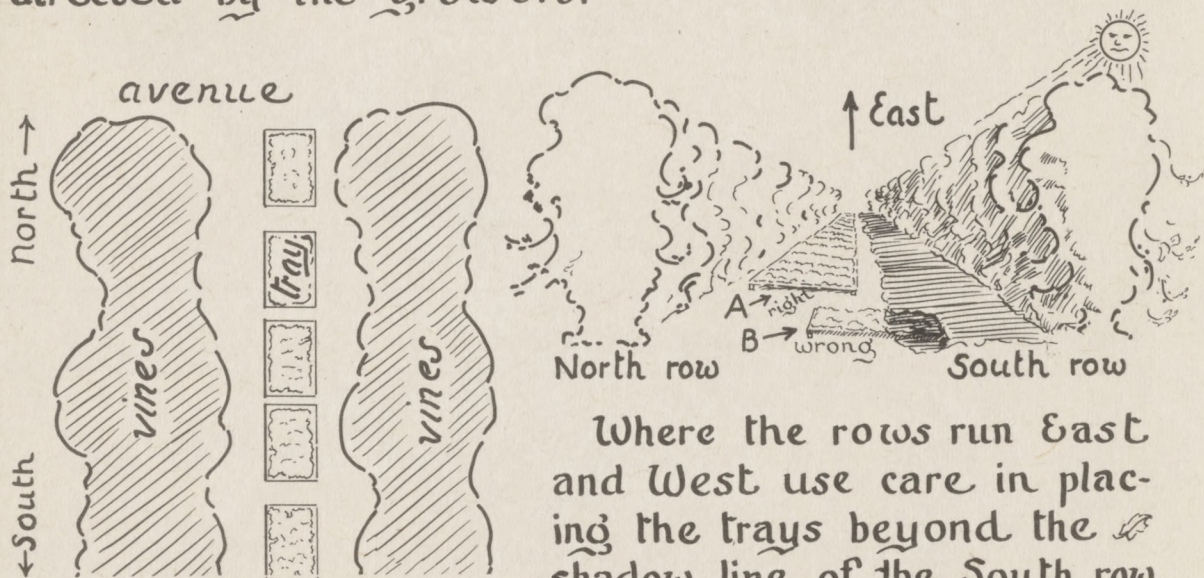
Raisin grapes are cut from vines and placed on trays to dry in the sun. To do this job quickly and well, the raisin grape picker must know how vineyards are laid out, how to distribute and place trays along the vineyard rows, how to cut grapes from the vines, and how to spread them on the trays.



The way to pick East and West rows is shown above.

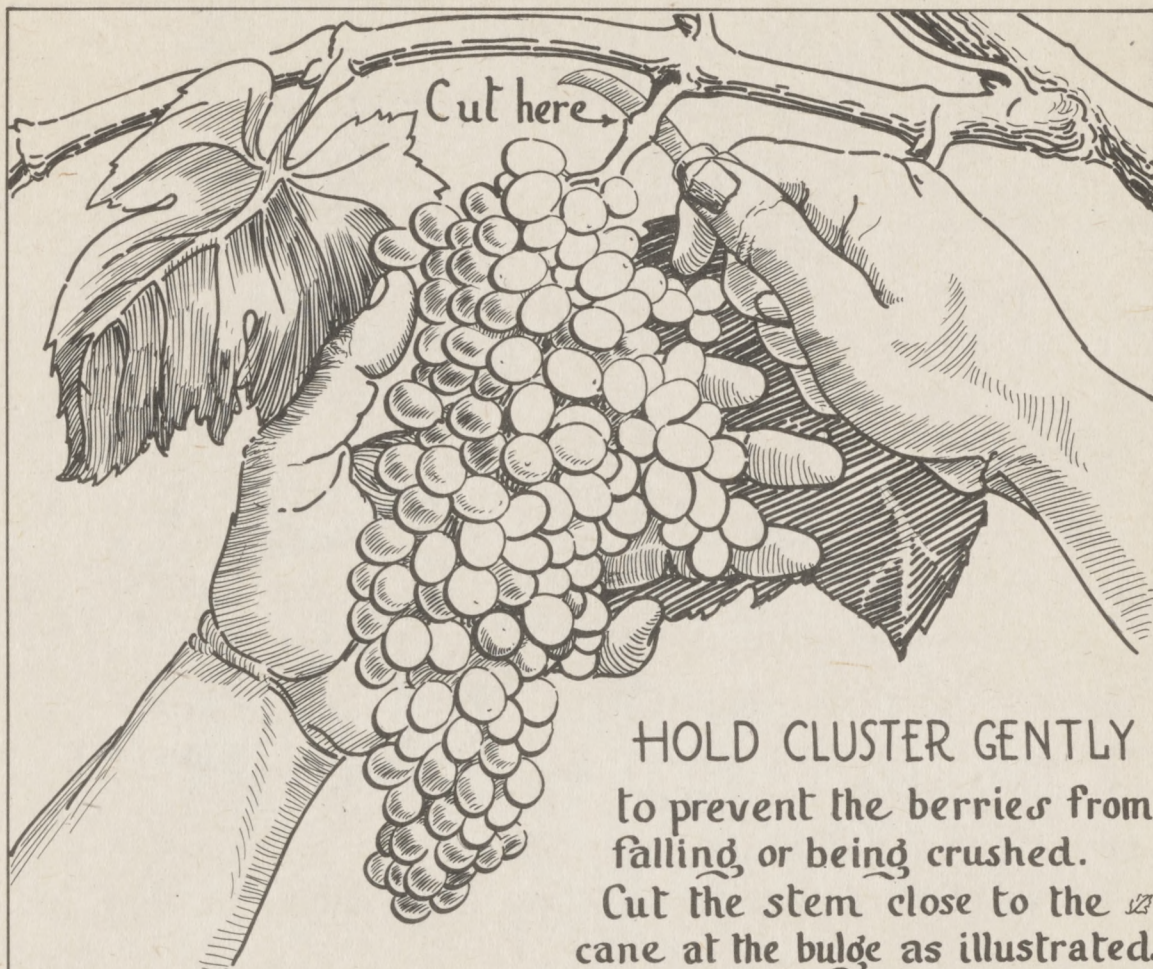
Distribute the bundles (books) of paper trays along heavy rows before picking. Place a clod on each book to hold it.

Pick 2 rows at once where the crop is less than 3 tons to the acre. Place the filled trays in the rows as directed by the growers.



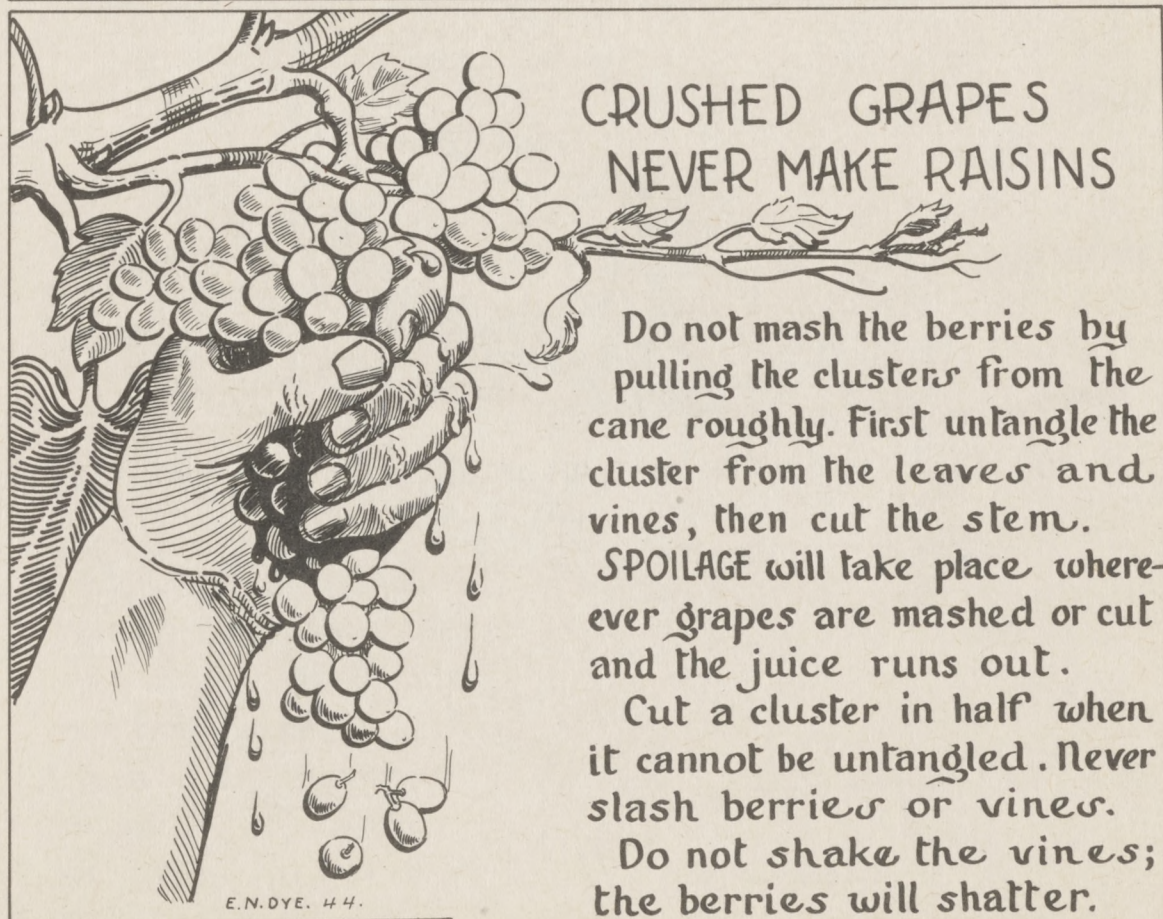
When the rows run North and South, place the trays of grapes in a straight line, in the center between the rows.

Where the rows run East and West use care in placing the trays beyond the shadow line of the South row.
 A= Trays are properly placed in the sunshine.
 B= Grapes in the shade will fail to dry properly and make extra drying work.



Place the picking container underneath vine to catch shattered berries.

HOLD CLUSTER GENTLY
to prevent the berries from
falling or being crushed.
Cut the stem close to the
cane at the bulge as illustrated.



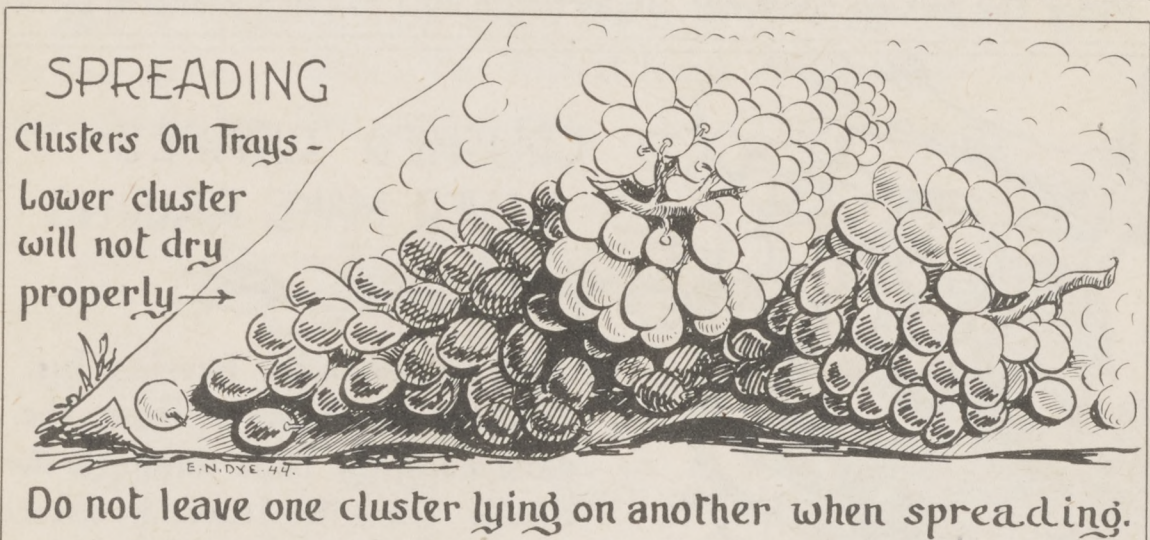
**CRUSHED GRAPES
NEVER MAKE RAISINS**

Do not mash the berries by
pulling the clusters from the
cane roughly. First untangle the
cluster from the leaves and
vines, then cut the stem.

SPOILAGE will take place where-
ever grapes are mashed or cut
and the juice runs out.

Cut a cluster in half when
it cannot be untangled. Never
slash berries or vines.

Do not shake the vines;
the berries will shatter.



The border of the tray ~~see~~ should be evenly outlined with clusters. Pour in contents of picking container, spreading gently and evenly. Pick out leaves, sticks and other refuse from the tray.